



**SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting: August 17, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room - Municipal Office Building

Present: Robert P. Jacques, Vice-Chairman
Dorbert A. Thomas, Clerk
Kenneth F. Polito

Absent: John J. Ostrosky, Chairman
Patricia M. Banks
John D. Perreault, Town Engineer

Also Present: Brad Stone, Agent

Mr. Jacques opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

1. Review and Approve Minutes

The Conservation Commission noted Minutes were still being prepared.

2. Signed bills.

3. Meetings and Hearings – 7:05 P.M.

285-1264 Continue – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Pescaro Distributors for the construction of a culvert at Roberts Street

No representatives, for the project involving the construction of a culvert at Roberts Street, attended the hearing. Mr. Jacques continued the hearing to September 21, 2004.

RDA Public Meeting regarding the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Mario and Joyce Kerr for the construction of a house addition at 3 Carter Road

Attending the hearing was Mario Kerr. He said he wants to construct a three-season room off the second floor. He said it will extend over the existing deck.

Mr. Kerr said he will be using posts and will dig sonic tubes by hand; there will be no major excavation. He said one post is within a drainage easement. The Commission expressed concern about the drainage easement and the closeness of the deck to the wetland.

The Commission voted a negative determination with condition that a row of haybales be placed along stonewall during the time of the work. Mr. Jacques closed the hearing.

**285-1295 Public Hearing regarding the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area
Delineation filed by Kenneth D. Alcorn for property at 92 School Street**

Attending the hearing were Ken Alcorn, 74 School Street, and Scott Morrison – the engineer from EcoTech.

Mr. Jacques asked Mr. Stone if he concurred with the delineation and marking of the resource area. Mr. Stone said he did.

Mr. Jacques closed the hearing.

**285-1298 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Shoreline Weed
Control for the control of nuisance aquatic weeds on Flint Pond near
Anglin Lane**

Krista Porter – the wetlands engineer from Winchendon, MA, attended the hearing, representing some residents at Flint Pond, who want to do some shoreline weed control of nuisance aquatic weeds. Ms. Porter said there was no notification to abutters, but that her company had been approached by eight (8) neighbors to clean out the pond.

Ms. Porter explained that they would go out with a pontoon boat; skim the water to pull out the weeds, and this will also get bottles, golf balls, etc. She said they would use a silt fence barrier.

Mr. Jacques questioned the company's ability to apply for the neighbors, and procedural questions were discussed.

The Commission suggested that the group talk to Nancy Allen and the Lake Quinsigamond Commission.

Mr. Jacques closed the hearing.

**285-1297 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Lisa Cossette for
the construction of a swimming pool at 23 Stonybrook Lane**

Lisa Cossette, 23 Stonybrook Lane, attended the hearing. Ms. Cossette said they want to construct a pool. She said they plan to demolish the shed. She said the pool is within setbacks for the property lines and limits of the wetland line. She stated excavation will be taken off site.

Ms. Cossette said she wasn't sure if they would be doing any filling up to the pool, but knew they would not be filling to back of property.

Mr. Jacques officially closed the hearing.

**285-1296 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by George Harrington
for the clearing of trees and brush at 731-735 Boston Turnpike**

George Harrington attended the hearing. Mr. Harrington said this parcel was used to run a construction business for a number of years. He said he didn't bother to cut back the trees, because it shaded the business. He said now he would like to open it up and develop it as commercial business. He stated he wanted to clear up the area that is 50 feet away from the wetland area.

Mr. Jacques expressed concern of opening area and not have a buffer to protect the wetland. Mr. Harrington said it will be a more successful venture if this area can be cleared.

Mr. Stone noted that Mr. Harrington needs to notify National Heritage. Mr. Stone said there was a wetland line on the previous plan, but he didn't see one on the current. Mr. Harrington said he didn't know why the line wasn't put on.

The Commission expressed continued concern that they didn't want the area cleared.

Mr. Jacques continued the hearing to September 21, 2004, for input from National Heritage.

**285-1299 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Chris Muello for
the construction of a commercial building at 824 Hartford Turnpike**

Attending the hearing were Ron Johnson, and Bob Murphy – the engineer. Mr. Murphy said they are looking to fill part of the wetlands and do replication in back of property, where there is a lot of land to do so. He said this building will be used for storage of construction equipment.

Mr. Murphy said they are also prepared to show Stormwater Management. He said this is part of the efforts to meet zoning and other regulations. He said they are proposing to use a rip-rap wall.

Mr. Murphy noted to the Commission that he submitted a revised plan with some added numbers. He said they felt that going to the Conservation Commission was the first and biggest step in the project.

Mrs. Thomas expressed concern that the building would be in the wetland and stated the Commission has never issued an Order of Conditions for a building in the wetlands.

Mr. Stone commented that there would be approximately 6,000 sq. ft. of wetland that would be filled according to what he sees.

Mr. Polito commented that using a vertical fence might minimize impact to the wetland.

Mr. Jacques commented that if the property won't support the size building the developer wants, then maybe a smaller building needs to be considered.

The following are some of the issues listed as concerns by the Commission:

- 1) Calculations do not match;
- 2) Don't want to fill wetland for building;
- 3) Consider vertical fence;
- 4) Talk to Building Inspector to see if this is even going to meet zoning regulations;
- 5) Parking Spaces are not shown;
- 6) Access to replicate area – looks like it would have to be access through property owned by Saulenas;
- 7) Need to do a replication plan;

Mr. Jacques asked Mr. Stone to walk site. Mr. Stone asked Mr. Murphy to have all flag locations are marked out there before he walks the site.

Mr. Jacques continued the hearing to September 21, 2004.

4. New Business

a. Discussed/Signed Draft Orders of Conditions and Requests for Determination of Applicability

285-1264 Roberts Streets – continued

RDA 3 Carter Road – The Commission voted a Negative Determination with conditions

285-1295 92 School Street – The Commission voted they agree with delineation

285-1298 Flint Pond – The Commission voted to deny this filing, needing more information and there was no notification to abutters

285-1297 23 Stonybrook Lane – conditionally approved

285-1296 731-735 Boston Turnpike – continued

285-1299 824 Hartford Turnpike - continued

5. Old Business

a. Discussed/Signed Certificates of Compliance

285-632 Lot 14 Old Stolpe Farm

285-669 Lot 14 Old Stolpe Farm

6. Correspondence

7. Miscellaneous

- a)** Mr. Jacques said he attended the site visit at the dump site. Mr. Stone commented that there may be a superceding Order of Conditions, but he hasn't heard anything definitive.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette W. Rebovich